

Saintly Notes

The Prophet Hosea and Venerable-Martyr Andrew of Crete (October 17)

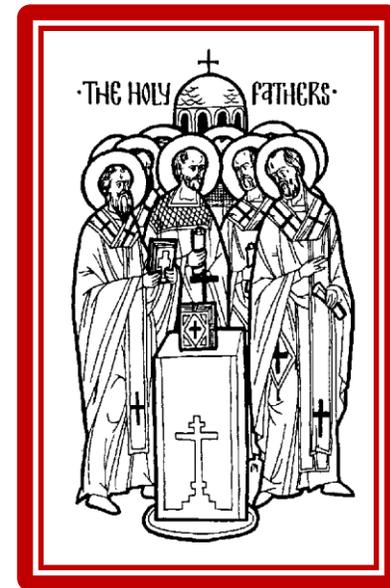
Hosea was the son of Beeri of the tribe of Issachar. Hosea lived and prophesied more than eight hundred years before the birth of Christ. His divinely inspired words are found in his book, which contains fourteen chapters.

He strongly rebuked Israel and Judah for their idolatry and also foretold God's punishment for their sins, the destruction of Samaria and Israel for their apostasy, and God's mercy on the tribe of Judah. He foretold the abolition and the end of the sacrifices of the Old Testament. He foretold the coming of the Lord, and the richness of gifts that He would bring with Him to earth. He lived to a very old age and entered peacefully into rest.

St. Andrew was a Cretan by birth and a Christian priest. In the time of the iconoclastic persecution, he showed himself to be a great defender of the veneration of icons.

Andrew went to Constantinople to denounce the wicked Emperor Copronymus. As the emperor stood in the Church of the Holy Martyr Mamas, Andrew entered the church, stood before him, and openly rebuked him before all. "It would be better for you, O Emperor, to attend to military matters and to govern the people, than to persecute Christ and His servants." For this, St. Andrew was beaten severely, tortured and dragged through the streets, where a heretic struck him with an axe and killed him. Thus, Andrew rendered his holy soul to God in the year 767. His relics gave healing to the sick.

(The Prologue from Ochrid)



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The Saints Whom We Remember

Prophet Hosea; Venerable-martyr Andrew of Crete

This Week's Schedule

Today: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Monday: Church Office Closed
Tuesday: 7:00p Parish Council
Wednesday: 9:15a 3rd Hour Prayer; 6:30p Daily Vespers
Friday: Church Office Closed
Saturday: 9:00a Women's Bible Study; 1:00p Baptism; 5:30p Great Vespers;
Sunday: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

First Antiphon

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, *Who art risen from the dead.* who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Third Antiphon

Troparion of the Resurrection
(Tone 4)

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel to the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

Little Entrance

† *Entrance Hymn:* "Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ . . . Alleluia."

† *Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4):* See above.

† *Troparion of the Holy Fathers (Tone 8):* Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

† *Troparion for All Saints (Tone 4):* As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send

down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

† *Kontakion for Ordinary Sundays (Tone 2):* O Protection of Christians that is not put to shame, unchanging Mediation before the Creator, despise not the voice of the sinners' prayer, but in that thou art good, come quickly to help us who call upon thee in faith. Make speed to intercede and make haste to supplicate, O Theotokos, who dost ever protect those that honor thee.

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, . . .

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: Gal. 6:11-18
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Alegalynarion

(Tone 8)

It is truly meet and right to bless thee. . .

Communion Hymn

(Tone 8)

Praise the Lord . . . Alleluia.

Post-Communion

Hymn

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

William Christopoulos, Christopher Wingenbach, Ilya Moundous, Gabriel Pope, Nicholas Kliewer.

Special Attention

- **Extraordinary Designated Gifts for our New Temple and Education Wing.** On the Narthex table you will find a brochure with a list of possible gifts for our new building.

Please read the message from Fr. Nicholas on page 2 of the brochure. It contains important information about how donations can be made.

We currently have donations for the center dome icon, the altar table, Last Supper Icon, and the Theotokos icon on the iconostasis. Thank God for the generosity of our parishioners.

- **Entry into Our New Temple.** Our contractor is still working on the details of our Certificate of Occupancy for the new temple. The exact date for our first service is not yet available. We will keep you informed as soon as the date is firmly set. As of this moment, the soonest date that might be possible is October 31st, but even that is still not certain.
- **October Calendars Are Available on the Narthex Table.**
- **Fr. Nicholas' Office.** Until we get into our new building, Fr. Nicholas will be working out of his home. The church telephone number will give announcements and take messages but will not connect to a live person. If you need to contact Fr. Nicholas please leave a message on the church phone and he will get back to you as soon as possible. During this time, worship services will continue as scheduled; however, appointments with Fr. Nicholas will be limited.

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done.

†Epistle: Titus 3:8–15 (RSV)

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

†Gospel: Luke 8:5–15 (RSV)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot,

and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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